



“The Seventh Generation reminds you that you have responsibility to generations that are coming and that you are indeed in charge of life as it is at the moment. We cannot simply think of our survival; each new generation is responsible to ensure the survival of the seventh generation.”

*Chief Orson Lyons*

Chief Oren R. Lyons (born 1930) was raised in the culture and practices of the Iroquois on the Seneca and Onondaga reservations in Upstate New York. He is an activist, artist, and Native American Faithkeeper of the Turtle Clan. In this capacity, he is entrusted with keeping alive his people's traditions, values and history. He also is an accomplished lacrosse player. Oren's athletic career had a jumpstart in his childhood games—lacrosse is a traditional sport played by generations of Iroquois. A widely recognized advocate of indigenous rights for over forty years, Oren rode in the Trail of Broken Treaties caravan to Washington D.C. to convince the Bureau of Indian Affairs to honor its treaties with Native Americans. He continues to speak internationally and has served on the board of many organizations dedicated to improving the conditions of indigenous people globally.